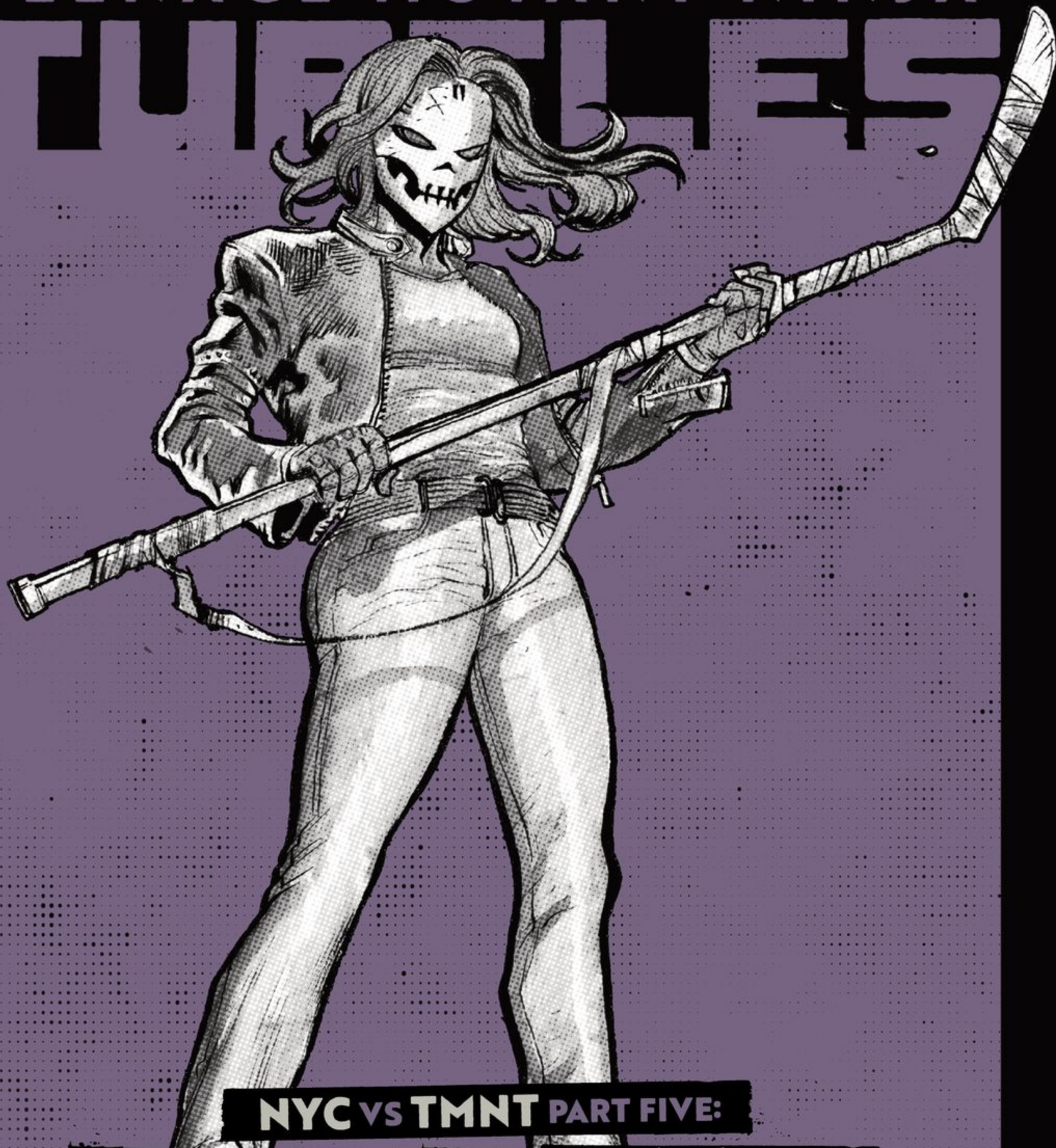


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NEW YORK CITY.

"MOVE! I HAVE TO SEE HER!"



I HAVE TO SEE KARAI!

WHERE IS SHE?!

KARAI!



GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU IMBECILES!

HEY, BOPSTER?

YEAH, WHAT'S UP, BIG ROCK?

WE DON'T LIKE THIS DUDE MUCH, DO WE?

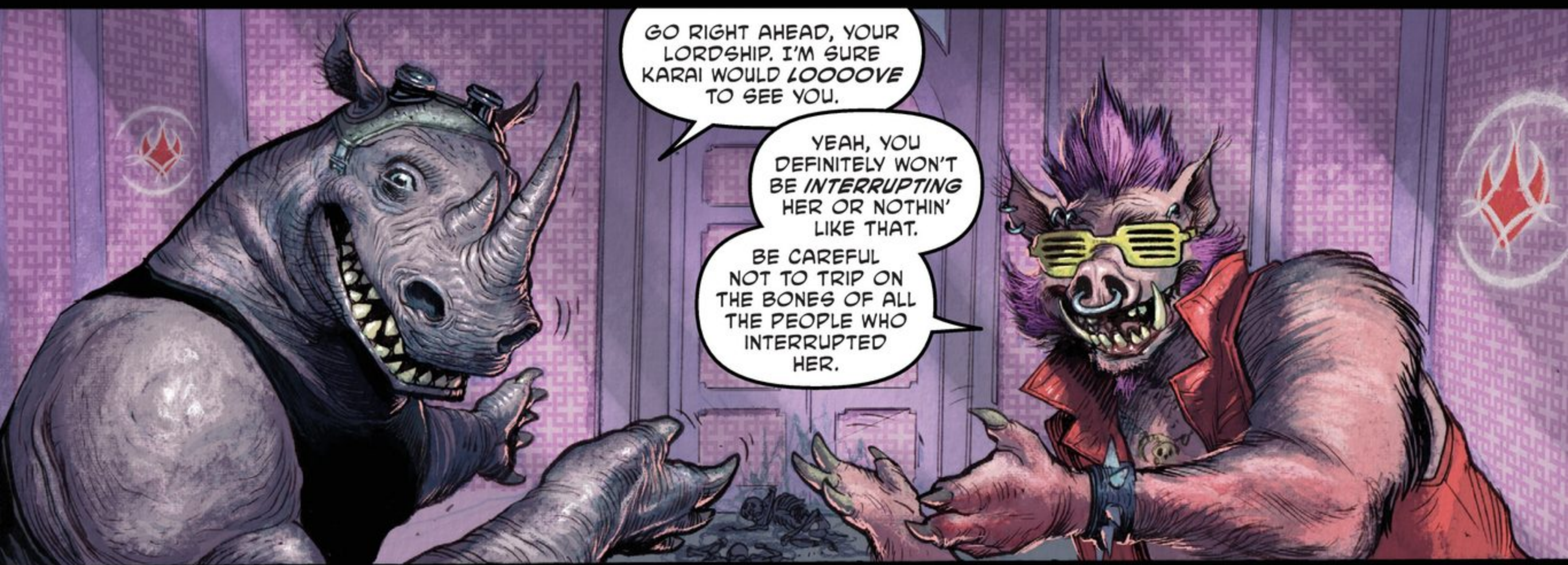
MR. MUTANT-HATING DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE? NAH, BUDDY, WE DON'T LIKE HIM THE LEAST LI'L BIT.



THEN I GUESS WE KNOWS WHAT WE GOT TO DO NOW, HUH?

OH, YOU BETCHA WE DO.

NOW, WAIT... WAIT JUST A MINUTE... I'M HERE ON OFFICIAL FOOT CLAN BUSINESS. YOU CAN'T...



GO RIGHT AHEAD, YOUR LORDSHIP. I'M SURE KARAI WOULD LOOOOVE TO SEE YOU.

YEAH, YOU DEFINITELY WON'T BE INTERRUPTING HER OR NOTHIN' LIKE THAT.

BE CAREFUL NOT TO TRIP ON THE BONES OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO INTERRUPTED HER.



HEH. THIS IS GONNA BE GOOD.

KARAI! IT'S HALE! OPEN THE DOORS!

TEN BUCKS SAYS SHE BARBECUES HIS BUTT.



KARAI, WE...WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

THE *TURTLES*... WE WERE IN THE COURTROOM. I...DID EVERYTHING RIGHT! I HAD THEM!

I DON'T...I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. OR HOW THEY...



GAH!

THIS HAD BETTER BE GOOD, HALE!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SORT OF DELICATE WORK YOU'VE JUST *DISTURBED*! SO TALK FAST, YOU FOOL!

WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU *DONE*?!



IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY.

EARLIER.

THIS WAS MEANT
TO BE MY MOMENT
OF ASCENDANCE.

I'LL ASK
AGAIN...IS THE
DEFENSE READY
TO CALL ITS FIRST
WITNESS?

A LIFETIME OF TOIL
AT LAST REWARDED
WITH THE GLORY
I DESERVED.

HEH.

DEFENDANTS?
HELLO?

I HAD THOSE MUTANTS RIGHT
WHERE I WANTED THEM. ON
THE GROUND, GROVELING, WITH
MY FOOT ON THEIR SKULLS.

ARE THEY...
PRAYING?

I'D WAKE TOMORROW AS THE
SAVIOR OF THE CITY. WITH
THE REST OF NEW YORK'S
MUTANTS IN MY SIGHTS.

I'M AFRAID
IT'S A BIT LATE
FOR THAT,
TURTLES.

ALL RIGHT, IF THE
DEFENSE HAS NO
DEFENSE TO MOUNT,
THEN LET'S MOVE TO
THE CLOSING--

BUT AS USUAL...
NEW YORK CITY
LET ME DOWN.

STOP! WE
DEMAND TO
BE HEARD!

FREE THE
TURTLES





AND EVEN WORSE...
IT WAS WORKING.



OVERRULED.
I'LL ALLOW IT.





THOSE LYING
WITNESSES...



THEY MADE MY FOOT
PATROL SOUND LIKE
THE VILLAINS.



AFTER EVERYTHING
I'VE DONE TO SAVE
THIS CITY FROM ITSELF.



TO SHOW IT HOW
TO BE STRONG.



THAT'S THE UPSIDE-DOWN
WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY.



WHERE STRENGTH
HAS BECOME A SIN.



WHERE STRONG MORAL
FIBER IS SOMEHOW A
CHARACTER FLAW.



WHERE MADMEN AND
MONSTERS ARE THE POOR,
UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS.



NO!

I REFUSE
TO ACCEPT
THAT!



BEG YOUR
PARDON?

AH, I MEAN...NONE
OF THIS TESTIMONY IS
RELEVANT, YOUR HONOR.
THE FOOT PATROL ARE
NOT ON TRIAL HERE.

THESE *MUTANT
DEGENERATES* ARE.
THEY'VE INFLICTED A
REIGN OF *TERROR*
UPON THIS CITY. AND
IT ENDS NOW!



YOU'RE RIGHT,
HALE, IT *DOES*.

YOU CAN'T KEEP
ACCUSING US OF
YOUR *OWN CRIMES*
AND EXPECT PEOPLE
TO FALL FOR IT.

THIS CITY
KNOWS THE TRUTH.
AND EVEN YOU
CAN'T SILENCE ALL
OF MANHATTAN.

OH, I
CAN'T,
CAN I?



I CAN DO
WHATEVER THE
HELL I PLEASE!

IN THIS CITY, THIS
COURTROOM, I AM
ALL-POWERFUL!!!



UM...THAT IS...
IF IT PLEASE
THE COURT?

YOUR HONOR,
I'D LIKE TO
CALL MY FINAL
WITNESS.



THE
DEFENSE
CALLS *APRIL
O'NEIL*.

AFTER THAT...
IT WENT FROM
FARCE TO
FIASCO.

EARLIER.

Turns out someone in a hockey mask had broken into my office.

KRAASH

After ruthlessly assaulting the guards, the intruder ransacked the place.

Even forcing their way inside my private safe.

Hmm. I'm no safecracker, and I'm guessing I don't have much time before more guards show up. So how do I--

And then they...they planted evidence of wrongdoing on my part.

HUH?

CLINK!!

Slanderous lies, the lot of it.

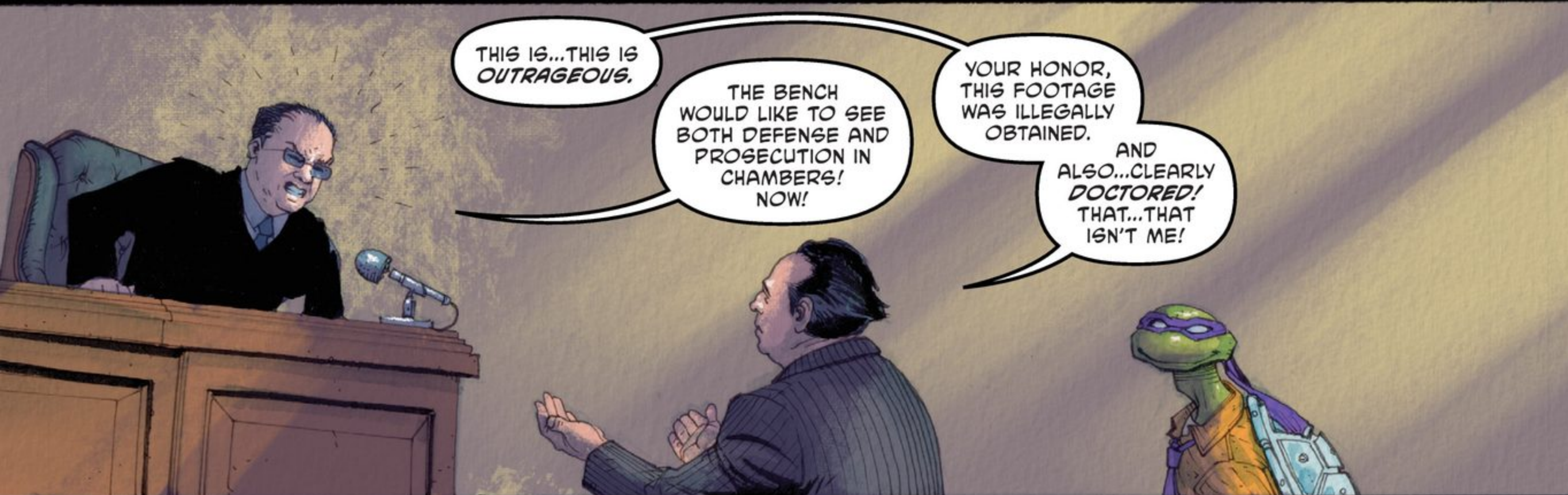
This mutant conspiracy goes deep, I assure you.

They're everywhere, hiding in the shadows.

Like rats.

Ah, thanks. I'll take it from here.







APRIL!

GUYS, YOU BETTER GET OUTTA HERE! YOU'RE IN ENOUGH TROUBLE ALREADY!

ARE YOU KIDDING? PEOPLE ARE GONNA GET HURT! WE'VE GOTTA STOP THIS!



UH-OH, HERE COME THE NINJA WHO STARTED ALL THIS! QUICK, WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF THESE CUFFS!



KRAK



APRIL?! YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING!

ALL RIGHT, WE SAVE THE CIVILIANS FIRST.

THEN WE DEAL WITH HALE.

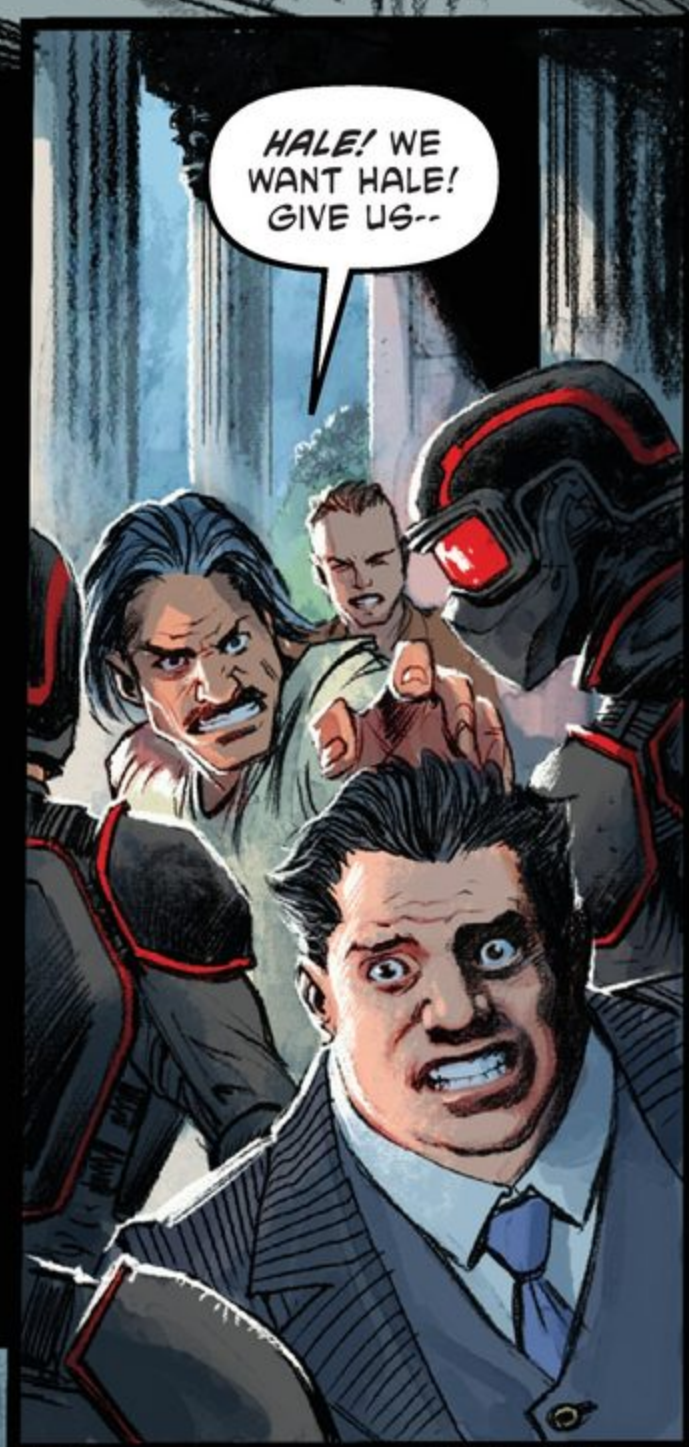
BUT THE FOOT PATROL ARE HEAVILY ARMED, AND WE GOT EXACTLY ZERO WEAPONS.

AS YOUR ATTORNEY, GENTLEMEN...



...I SUGGEST WE TAKE A MOMENT TO EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE.





HALE! WE WANT HALE! GIVE US--



THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE! WE NEED TO FALL BACK!

NO! KILL THEM IF YOU HAVE TO! MAN, MUTANT, OR DOG, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN!



KILL THEM ALL! DO IT!



NO.

WHAT?!

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT... HELL NO.

WE DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS.



YOU'VE DRAGGED US DOWN A ROAD WITHOUT HONOR FOR LONG ENOUGH.

IT'S TIME WE RETURNED TO THE CODE OF THE FOOT CLAN.

WHEN WE KILL, WE KILL FOR A REASON. NOT TO SERVE PETTY TYRANTS LIKE YOU.

YOUR CODE? YOU'RE CRIMINAL SCUM! YOUR CODE IS TO DO WHAT I TELL YOU! THIS IS MY CITY!

IF IT'S YOUR CITY, BOSS...



...THEN DO YOUR OWN KILLING.





NOW.

BUT MY
SERMON
WASN'T
FINISHED
YET.

"YOU DID
WHAT?!"

I BROUGHT THE
TURTLES TO TRIAL,
AND I HAD THEM RIGHT
WHERE I WANTED THEM,
BUT THEN, THEN THEY
SOMEHOW--

YOU
IMBECILE!



I TOLD YOU
TO KEEP THEM
DISTRACTED, NOT
TURN THEM INTO
MARTYRS.

I'LL DO
WHATEVER YOU
WANT, I JUST
NEED *MORE*
MEN!

YOU'VE
BESMIRCHED THE
HONOR OF THE
FOOT CLAN. MY
NINJA WILL NOT
FOLLOW YOU.



KARAI,
PLEASE, I
BEG YOU...

THIS IS
YOUR MESS,
HALE.

YOU'RE
GOING TO
CLEAN IT UP.

YOURSELF.





WHAT...WHAT IS
HAPPENING?

DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA THE SORT OF
MYSTICAL FORCES I'VE
BEEN WRESTLING WITH
FOR WEEKS BEHIND
THESE DOORS?

THE PAINSTAKING
SPELLS YOU'VE
SO RECKLESSLY
INTERRUPTED?

WHY DON'T
I GIVE YOU A
TASTE?

YOU KNOW,
ON...ON SECOND
THOUGHT, YOU'RE
RIGHT. THIS IS MY
MESS AND...I
ALREADY HAVE
ALL I NEED.

LET ME GO
BACK AND SEE
IF I CAN BRING
NEW CHARGES
AGAINST--

GAGGGH!!!

THERE ARE
SOME BATTLES...
NO MERE LAWYER
CAN WIN.

SOMETIMES
YOU NEED A REAL
MONSTER IN YOUR
CORNER.

THOUGH
WHAT *KIND* OF
A MONSTER?
THAT'S THE
QUESTION.

**NO!
GAGGGH!!!**

YOU'RE
RIGHT, HALE.
FOR A BIG,
STRONG MAN
LIKE YOU...

AAAAARRRRGH!



...NO ONE
BEAST WILL
DO!

LATER.



THAT'S IT. THINK WE'VE GOT THINGS UNDER CONTROL.

MOST OF THE FOOT PATROLMEN HAVE EITHER RUN OFF OR SURRENDERED.

WOW, APRIL, YOU WERE AMAZING OUT THERE.

AW, SHUCKS. I MISSED YOU GUYS.



DID YOU HEAR ABOUT CASEY? HE'S OUT OF HIS COMA.

WHOA, REALLY? THAT'S GREAT NEWS!

YEAH, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM YET, BUT SPLINTER TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT.

WAIT, YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO--

NYC MUTANT FREE!



AW, DUDE, CAN'T WE AT LEAST HAVE A MOMENT?

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?



"LOOK AT ME!" I SCREAM, BUT THE WORDS COME OUT GARBLED. LIKE THE GRINDING OF GEARS.



LOOK AT WHAT SHE DID TO ME! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT TORTURE THIS IS FOR ME?!

OH MY LORD.



I AM BECOME MY OWN WORST NIGHTMARE!



AND IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU!

IS IT TRYING TO TALK?

WHAT THE HECK IS IT SAYING?

I HAVE NO IDEA.



I DON'T NEED A COURTROOM TO FINISH THIS. NOT ANYMORE.



I WILL MAKE YOU SUFFER AS I HAVE SUFFERED. THE DEFENDANTS ARE NOT DISMISSED.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HALE
FOR THE PROSECUTION.

SO BEGINS MY
CLOSING STATEMENT.

GRRAAARRH!!

NO MORE
MUTANTS!!

TO BE CONTINUED...



AN END TO THE CASE OF NYC VS. TMNT!

THAT KANGAROO COURT—OR SHOULD WE SAY TURTLE COURT—
GOT TOTALLY OUT OF ORDER! BUT THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK HAVE SPOKEN.
THE BROTHERS HAMATO ARE HEROES OF THE CITY ONCE AGAIN!

LET'S CUT TO THE FANS FOR THEIR ON-THE-SCENE REACTIONS TO THIS MONUMENTAL COURT CASE.

I have been a TMNT fan since the beginning. They were a huge part of my childhood growing up. Now 46, I still love them and I'm absolutely digging this new run! Splitting them up and getting a chance to see what each one has been doing is great. Donatello is my favorite. It was so sad to see what he was going through emotionally and physically. Such great writing and the artwork is on point! Keep up the good work. Safe to say that TMNT is in good hands.

Earl K Kirkpatrick III

We're so grateful to see the brothers back together and Donnie's mind clear again. He was running that courtroom! What a wild ride it's been, but we'd trust Jason Aaron as our navigator any day.

Dear IDW,

I grew up watching TMNT shows. Every Saturday morning, my siblings and I would rush to watch the latest episode, hooked on each adventure. Recently, as an adult, I got into comic books. I picked up the first issue of the new run and have been hooked. It is so hard to pick a favorite turtle because each one is relatable in their own way. Going to my local comic store and grabbing each subsequent issue makes me feel like a kid on Saturday mornings again. For that, I thank the team at IDW who makes this possible and I excitedly anticipate what's to come.

Best regards,

David Volante

SWe're stoked to be the reason you're going out to the shop, dude! Being a part of the comics community is what this is all about. Maybe we'll catch you there sometime!

I was around for the conception of these legendary characters so many years ago, and having three older brothers myself I found I could relate to the dynamic personalities of each turtle at different moments throughout my life. What has been created has always meant the world to me. I'm extremely grateful to see these characters I cherish coming back in such incredible form. These are the turtles I adore! I know I'm not alone when I say there's such a depth in tone on full display here with the incredible talents, respect, and love for these characters that I feel my passion for the

turtles story reignited! I'm fully committed and confident that this is the right direction for my Heroes in a Half Shell and I find myself so excited to see what happens next! Thank you!

Sincerely

Kyle King

BWe're totally honored to have the blessings of you and your three brothers. Are you guys also mutant ninjas who live in a sewer? Cuz that would be a nuts coincidence.

Dear TMNT letters,

Very nicely played.
That is all.

Regards,

Michael Hocking

Right back atcha, Michael...

JOIN US NEXT MONTH

for the climactic conclusion of Jason Aaron's run on the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Our Heroes in a Half Shell have one last trial by combat before they can call this CASE CLOSED!

**THE TRUE BATTLE OF MONSTER
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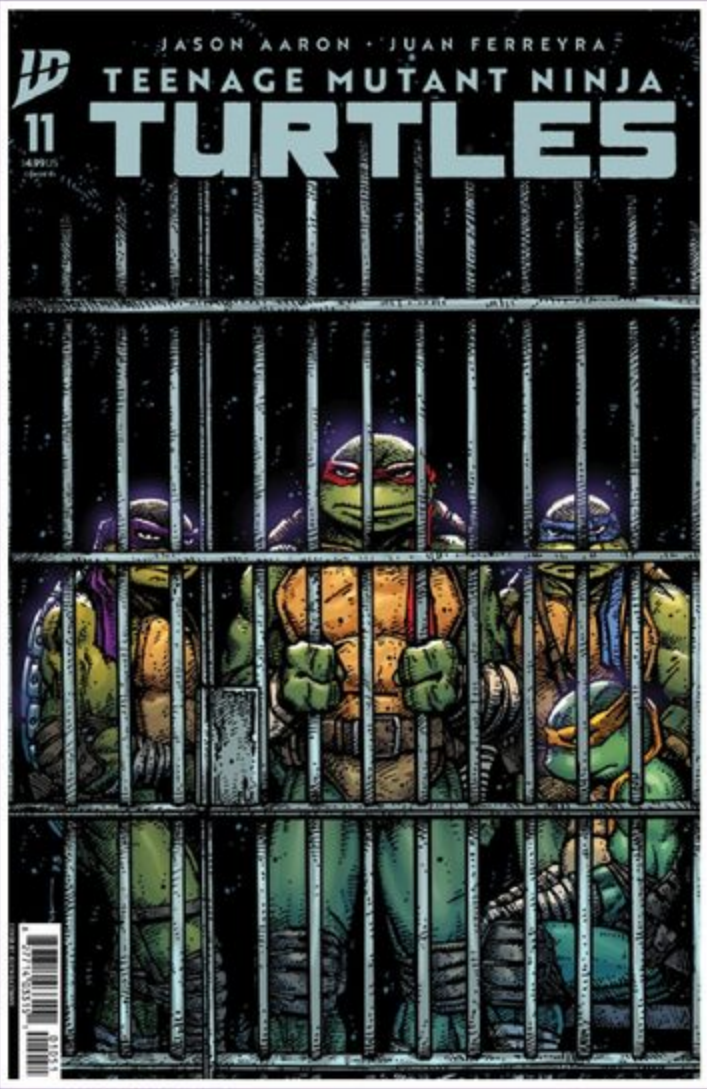


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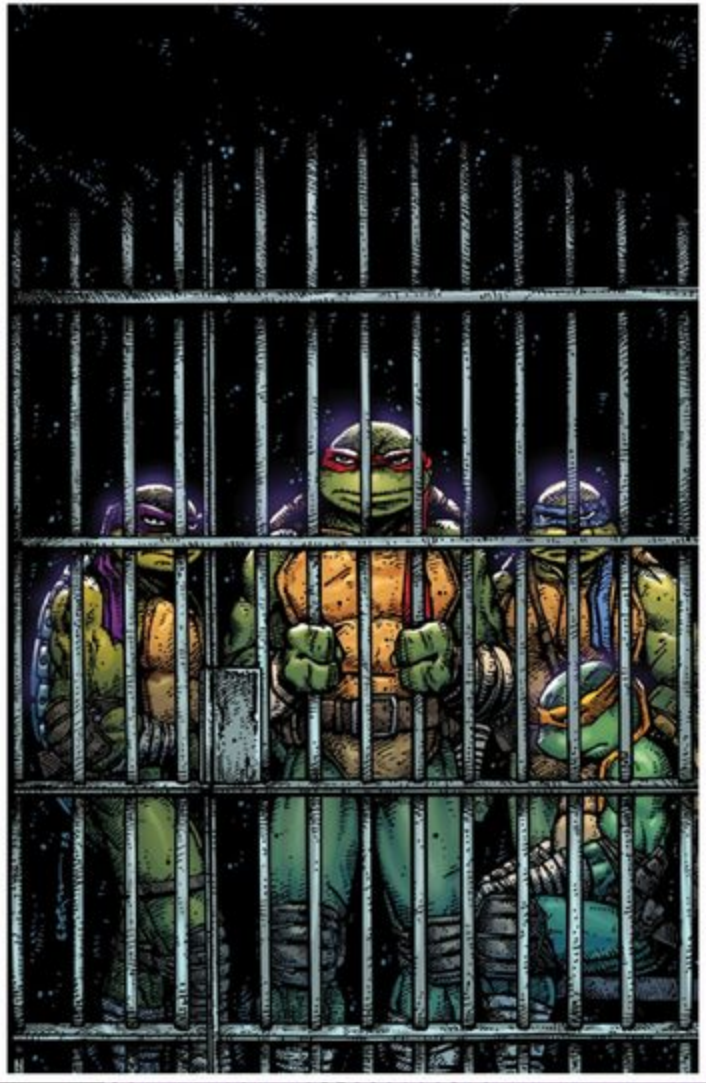
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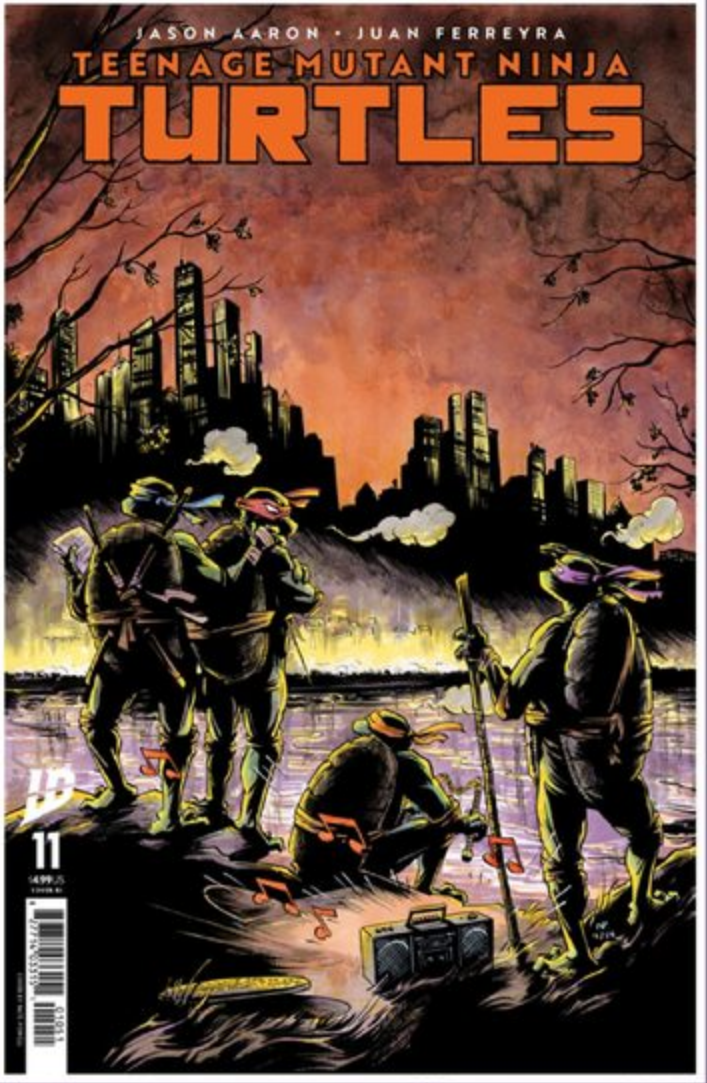
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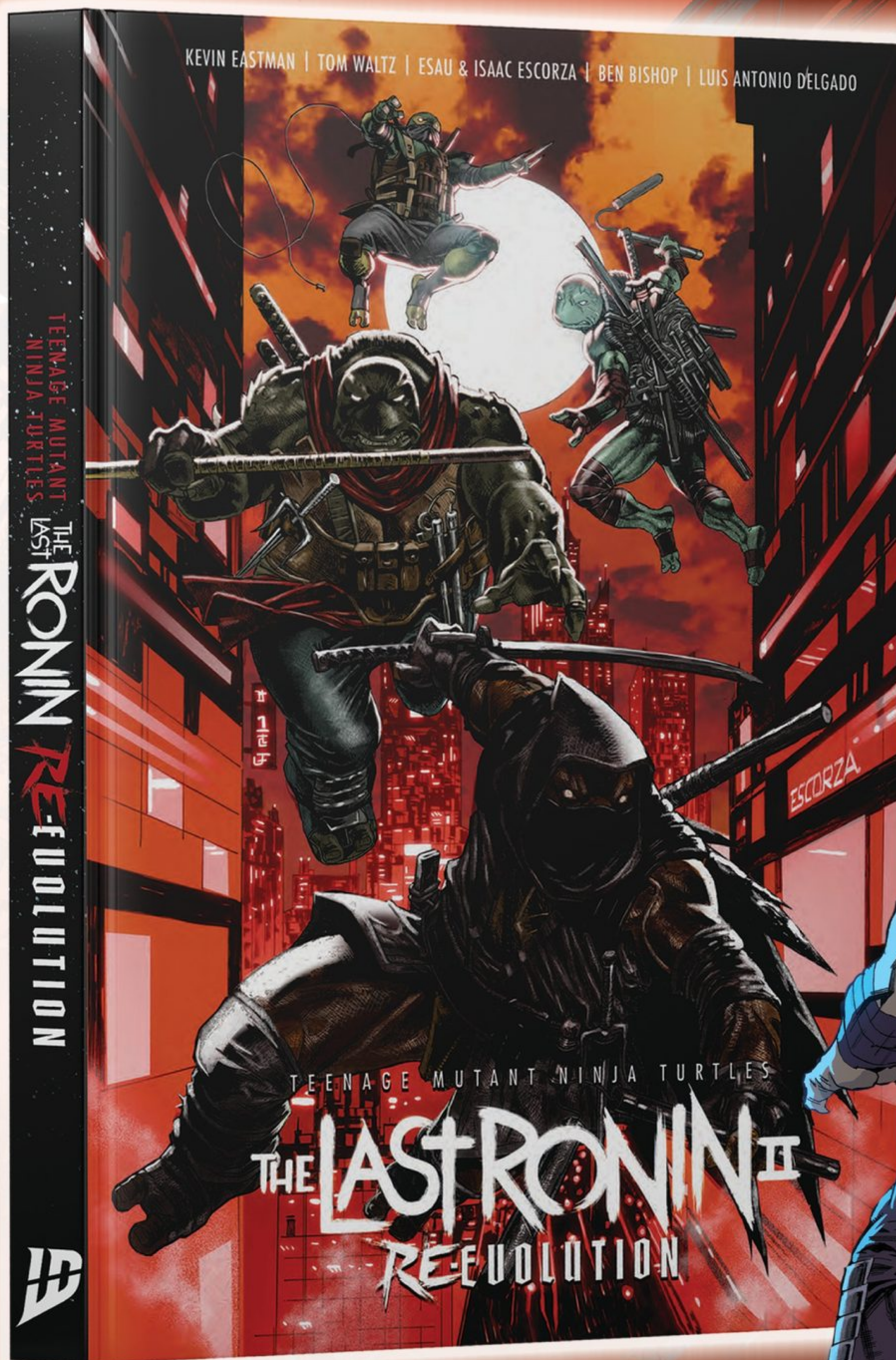
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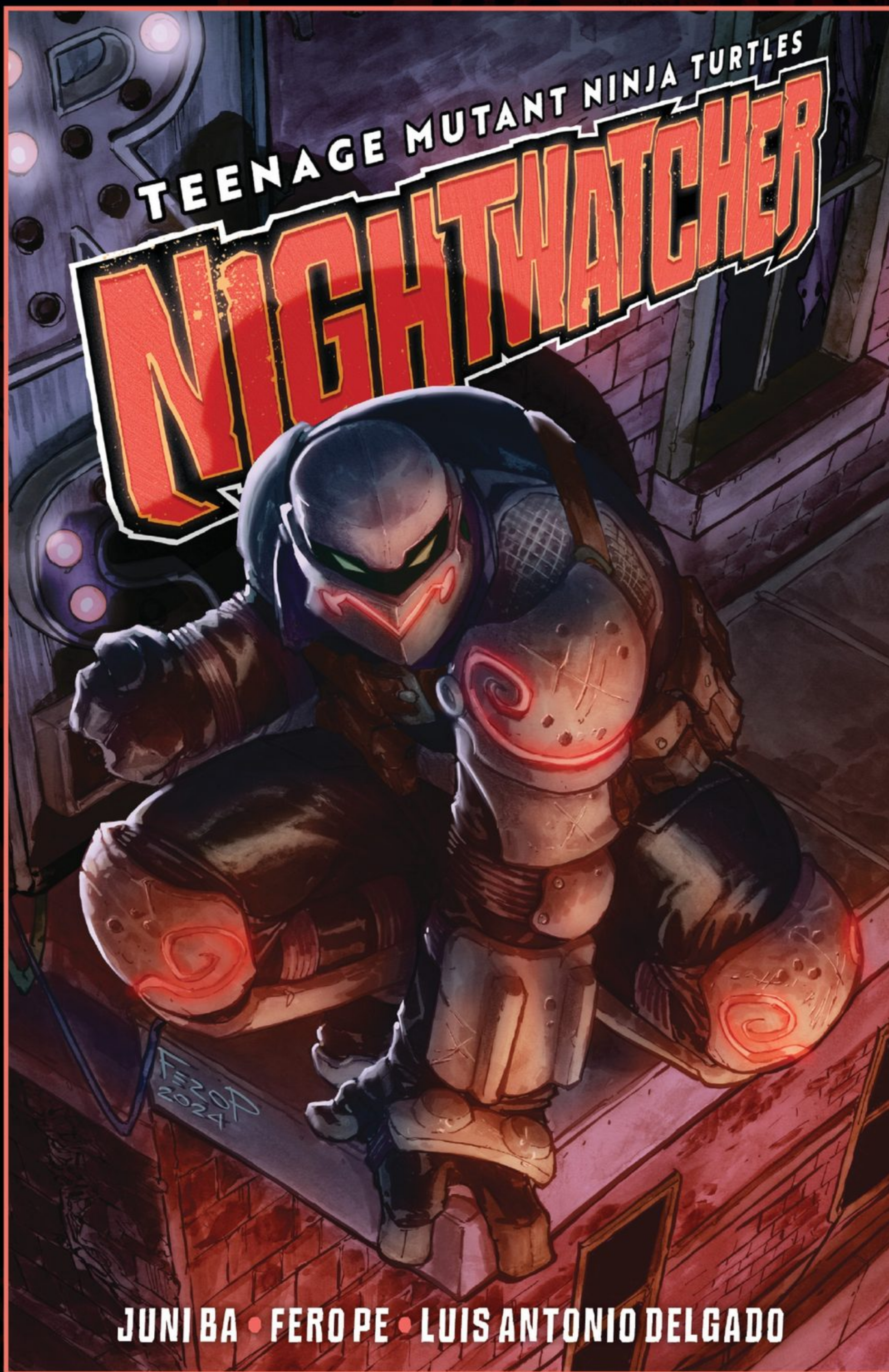


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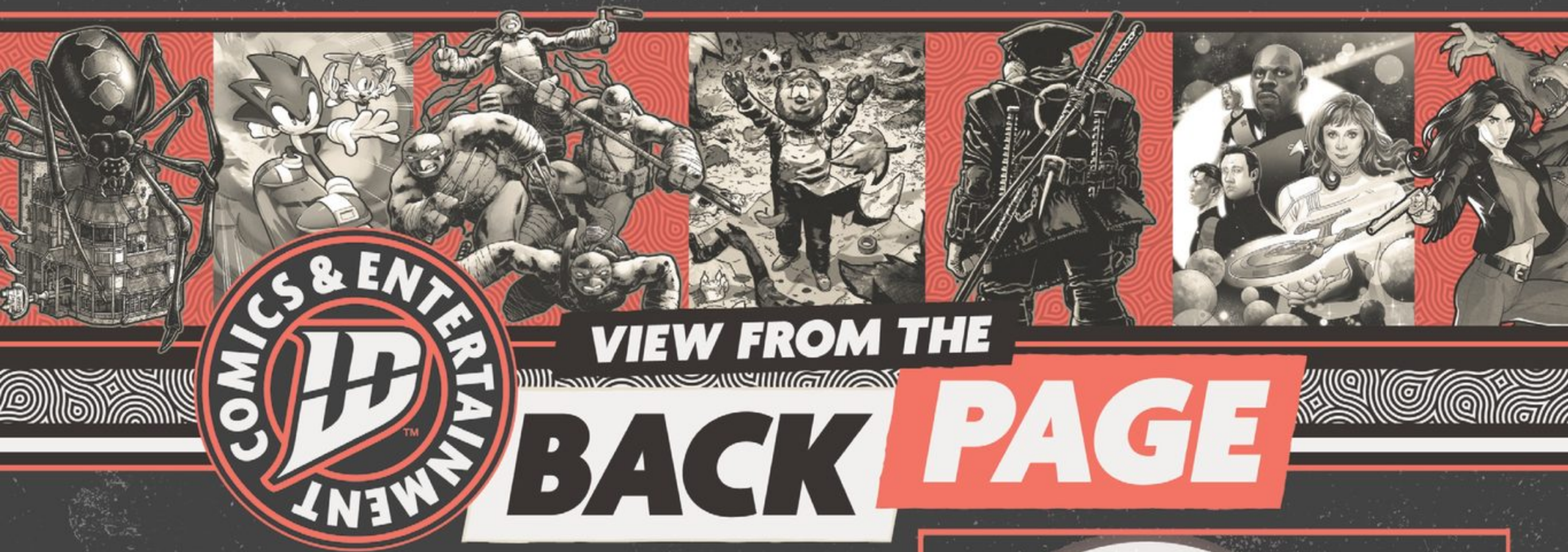
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WHY DO YOU LOVE COMICS?

It's an important question, especially since you're currently holding a comic in your hands, whether it's a physical or digital copy. Me? I love comics because it's one of the most personal storytelling experiences someone can have. It's your choice how long you spend analyzing the artwork on each and every panel. It's your choice how the art leaps out of the panels and comes to life in your imagination. It's your choice how long you linger on every sentence and sound effect, and how those lines and onomatopoeias are delivered in your head. At the end of the day, everyone gets the same comic, but everyone experiences the story differently.

Here at IDW Publishing, we really do care about comics and the talented people who pour their creativity into every page. We want to offer you comics that not only give you escapism from the ordinary, but also help inspire your own imagination. And this year, we truly are publishing a comic for every type of fan.

If you want to experience the thrills of terror, the horror imprint IDW Dark has you covered (and potentially hiding under your covers) with hits like **BENEATH THE TREES WHERE NOBODY SEES: RITE OF SPRING**, all-new black-and-white tales from **THE TWILIGHT ZONE**, and the original **BLOOD HONEY**. Or maybe you want something lighter and more uplifting? Comics like **MONSTER HIGH: HOUSE HAUNTERS** and **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** are ready to deliver fun with positive messages.

And that's barely scratching the surface of what this month has to offer. Captain Kirk is back from the dead in the epic new series **STAR TREK: THE LAST STARSHIP**, while **STAR TREK: VOYAGER—HOMECOMING** promises to give fans the final resolution they've been waiting decades to witness. The action-packed **TMNT: CASEY JONES** gives the fan-favorite character his first solo series in more than 30 years, while the acclaimed duo of Jason Aaron and Juan Ferreyra present the incredible finale of their **TMNT** run before the next era arrives. The jawsome mutants from the '90s return for new adventures in **STREET SHARKS**. And **GODZILLA's** innovative Kai-Sei Era continues to make its massive impact, with the launch of **STARSHIP GODZILLA** right around the corner in October.

So, why do you love comics? We hope every IDW comic you read answers that question for you.

Gregg Katzman

Senior Publicity Manager



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